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THE ROYAL JAPAN TOKIO TROUPE
Will open
To-Night (SATURDAY),
in their
GRAND TENT
at
BOWRINGTON
in their High-Class
ACROBATIC AND JUGGLING PERFORMANCES

Doors open at 8 P.M. Commence at 9 P.M.
I. NAKI,
Agent.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1891. [491

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1865 TO 1886, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a Petition for the winding up of the above-named Company by the Supreme Court was on the 2nd day of December, 1890, presented to or filed in the said Court by The Hongkong Trading Company, Limited, Creditors of the said Company, and that the said Petition amended by special leave of the said Court is directed to be heard before His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir James Russell, Kt., C.M.G., on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1891, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon: And any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the winding up of the said Company under the above Ordinances should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the amended Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the Undersigned on Payment of the regulated charge for the same.

HOLMES & RODYK,
Solicitors for the Petitioners.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [489

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE Firma LAUTS & HAESLOOP hat ihren Hauptsitz am 6ten, December, 1890, in Swatow genommen; die Zweig firma in Taiwanfu ist an demselben Tage erloschen.
Canton, den 19ten. Februar, 1891.
KAISERLICHES KONSULAR-GERICHT,
490 SCHRAMEIER.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"HAITAN,"
Captain Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1891. [492

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI DIRECT.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for Ningpo, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Hankow, and Ports on the Yangtsze.)

THE Company's Steamship
"YUENSANG,"
Captain Slassar, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1891. [493

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

"THE GONDOLIERS."

AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE
will be given
THIS EVENING
(SATURDAY), 21st Instant,
for which Tickets may be had of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., on after Thursday, the 19th instant.

Doors will be open as usual at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock p.m.
Tickets, $2 each. Back Seats, $1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, 50 Cents.

SPECIAL TRAM-CARS will run as follows:—

	Down.	Up.
Saturday, 21st February	8.30 and 8.45	15 mins. after performance of Gondoliers.

ROBERT LYALL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1891. [239

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MONDAY,
23rd February, 1891.

A
FAREWELL BENEFIT
will be tendered to
Mr. CHAS. HARDING
(prior to his departure for Europe)
BY THE FOLLOWING
LADY AND GENTLEMEN AMATEURS OF HONGKONG.
Mrs. GORDON,
Mrs. COXON,
Miss HAZELAND,
Mr. HIRST,
Mr. ROBINSON,
Mr. GRACE,
Mr. HUNTER,
Mr. G. LAMMERT, and
Mr. C. LAMMERT.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Plan can be seen at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [480

MR. KENNEDY begs to inform the Community of Hongkong that his BUSSES have commenced to run daily, leaving the Clock Tower for the Racecourse at 5.45. He has 10 in all, but at present only three ready. When all are ready he intends running them regularly between East and West Points, also Quarry Bay. The Omnibuses were built in England by one of the best builders, and are fitted with every comfort.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1891. [359

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NOW READY, at *Daily Press* Office or the Booksellers. Price, 20 cents on Cards, 10 cents on Paper. Cash only.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. [344

INTIATIONS

THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
ESTABLISHED 1845.

Total Assets on 1st January, 1890	£ 21,484,634
Amount Assured	£101,975,714
Surplus by New York State Standard	£ 3,221,041

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1890. [a295

BANK HOLIDAY.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon, TO-DAY the 21st inst.
For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China,
JOHN THURBORN,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.
For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
For the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris,
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [460

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1891.

TO-DAY, the 21st February.

RULE 15.—Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure. For Members of the Jockey Club, Free; for Non-Members, $5 for the Meeting. For Admission to New Grand Stand, $3 for the Meeting.

RULE 16.—Tickets of Admission to the Grand Stand and Enclosure to be had on application to E. W. Rutter, Esq., Honorary Treasurer. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shewn to the Gatekeeper.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [426

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the Grand Stand and Enclosure during the Races on the 21st instant.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1891. [425

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the enclosure of the Racecourse during the Race Days without Tickets, which can be had on application from the Undersigned.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1891. [424

HONGKONG RACE MEETING, 1891.

TIFFIN will be Served in the HONGKONG HOTEL CO.'S TIFFIN ROOM on the Course after the Third Race on Saturday of the Meeting.

TERMS CASH.
R. TUCKER,
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [457

HONGKONG RACES.

G. FALCONER & CO. have received per English Mail a Handsome Assortment of
LONDON-MADE SILVER RACE CUPS.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1891. [471

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ALFRED LISTER, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1879, made an Order limiting to the 1st day of March, 1891, the time for sending in Claims against the said Estate,

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated 28th January, 1891.
BRUCE SHEPHERD,
Executor.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [486

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NG KWAN *alias* NG LUK CHIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Honorable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1879, made an Order limiting to the 18th March, 1891, the time for sending in Claims against the said Estate,

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated the 18th February, 1891.
EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Registrar.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [478

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS ROBERT McBEAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1879, made an Order limiting to the 19th March, 1891, the time for sending in Claims against the said Estate,

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated this 18th February, 1891.
EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Registrar.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [479

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT.

SUIT No. 231 OF 1891.

PLAINTIFF—SZ TO PAT.
DEFENDANTS—WONG MAN CHUEN AND ANOTHER.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a WRIT of FOREIGN ATTACHMENT returnable on the 7th day of March, 1891, against all the Property moveable or immoveable of the above-named Defendants within the Colony has been issued in this Suit pursuant to the Provisions of Section LXXXII. of "The Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure."

Dated the 19th day of February, 1891.
WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Plaintiff,
35, Queen's Road,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [482

INTIMATIONS

EXAMPLES OF THE COST OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30 NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would cost per quarter at the rate

£ 6 18 0	(a) If premiums are payable for whole of life;
or £ 9 11 6	(b) If premiums are limited to 20 years;*
or £11 4.6	(c) If premiums are limited to 15 years;*
or £13 0 0	(d) If the Sum Assured is made payable at age 50, or at death if previous.*

* Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40 n. b. would cost respectively *(a)* £8.15.0, *(b)* £11.5.0, *(c)* £13.2.4, *(d)* £27.0.8 per quarter.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
1056—4a] Hongkong.

VICTORIA LODGE,

HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above Lodge will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 8 30 for 9 P.M. precisely.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1891 [468

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION advertised to be held on Saturday next, the 21st instant, is POSTPONED until further notice.
C. VIVIAN LADDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1891. [82

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries at Stone Cutters' Island, from the 27th instant to 20th February next, both days inclusive, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. daily.

The line of fire will be in a South-Westerly direction from the Batteries.

All Ships, Junks and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,
F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1891. [283

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified for General Information that on and after SATURDAY, the 21st instant, until further notice, the WATER SUPPLY throughout the City, with the exception of Praya Central, Praya West, and Queen's Road East as far as Spring Gardens, will be cut off between the hours of 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. each day.

By Command,
F. FLEMING,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [481

ARMY CONTRACTS.

TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received for the following ANNUAL CONTRACTS required for Her Majesty's Troops at Hongkong and Outposts.

1. SUPPLIES of PROVISIONS, FUEL, LIGHT, &c.
2. PURCHASE of EMPTY PORTER HOGSHEADS.

Samples to accompany the Tender for Supplies.

Forms of Tender, Conditions of Contract, and any information required can be obtained on application by letter addressed to the D. A. A. General (B.), Commissariat Buildings, or in Person, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., and no Tender will be entertained unless made on the forms so obtained.

Tenders to be addressed to the General Officer Commanding, Commissariat Buildings, before 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 2nd March, 1891, and marked on the outside of the envelope "Tender for Supplies" or "Purchase of Empty Porter Hogsheads."

The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Head Quarter Office,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [476

PEAK HOTEL.

VICTORIA GAP, PEAK,
ADJOINING THE TRAMWAY TERMINUS.

THE most beautiful position in the environs of Hongkong, situated 1,250 feet above Sea Level, commanding Magnificent Views of the City and Harbour of Victoria, the mainland of China, and neighbouring Islands.

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The best accommodation for Visitors, with every comfort, convenience, and attention.

The Cuisine is under the best supervision, and every luxury obtainable is supplied.

Wines, &c., the best Brands and finest qualities only, are kept.

TERMS MODERATE.

TELEPHONE No. 29.

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [437

THE HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the HONGKONG ATHLETIC CLUB will take place on the Racecourse (by kind permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club), on SATURDAY, 28th February, commencing at 1 o'clock p.m. precisely, when the following Events will be contested:—

1.—120 Yards Flat Race. (Handicap).
2.—Putting the Shot.
3.—Long Jump.
4.—220 Yards Flat Race. (Handicap).
5.—Bicycle Race—Half-Mile. (Handicap).
6.—Half-Mile Flat Race. (Open to Soldiers and Police).
7.—Hurdle Race—120 Yards—10 Flights.
8.—Half-Mile Flat Race. (Handicap.) Ladies' Purse.
9.—High Jump.
10.—Bicycle Race—One Mile. (Handicap).
11.—100 Yards Challenge Cup.
12.—Highland Fling. (Open to Soldiers and Police).
13.—Throwing the Cricket Ball.
14.—Mile Challenge Cup.
15.—Veterans' Race. (Competitors must be over 35 years of age and of not less than 10 years' Residence in the East).
16.—Tug-of-war. (Open to all Teams).
17.—Quarter-Mile Challenge Cup.
18.—Steeplechase—120 Yards.
19.—Consolation Race—120 Yards.

Competitors in Events Nos. 2, 6, 12, 15, and 16 not being Members of the Club to pay an Entrance Fee of $1 for each Event.

The above Events, with the exception of Nos. 2, 6, 12, 15, and 16, are Open only to those Gentlemen Amateurs who are Members of the Hongkong Athletic Club.

Entry Forms can be obtained from Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., Messrs Kelly & Walsh, Ld., and the Undersigned.

ENTRIES CLOSE on 20TH INSTANT.
W. H. YOUNG,
Hon. Sec. H.K.A.C.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1891. [390

INTIMATIONS.

NEW STORY BY DORA RUSSELL.

"A FATAL PAST"
By the Author of "Footprints in the Snow," "Hidden in my Heart," &c.

THE OPENING CHAPTERS
will appear in the *Daily Press*
THIS DAY,
SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

MISS DORA RUSSELL is an Author of exceptional powers and remarkable success. Her Stories possess a freshness of incident, a fund of humour, striking scenes and homely surroundings, always combined with an effective plot, and a delightful love story, which are rarely found so happily blended. Her forthcoming Story—"A FATAL PAST"—will undoubtedly prove one of her most successful works.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [442

W. POWELL & CO.

NEW STRAW HATS
FOR
LADIES, GENTLEMEN, AND
CHILDREN.
W. POWELL & Co.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1891. [326

HONGKONG RACES!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
have a fine selection of
RACING SADDLES.
Cloths, Weight Cloths, Stirrup Webs, Bridles, Spurs, Girths, etc.

JOCKEY WHIPS.
Saddlers' Sundries and Stable Requisites of all kinds.

Racing Colours, Racing Scarfs, and Favours.

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Riding Boots, Jockey Boots, and Racing Tops.
Harness, Driving Whips, Carriage Rugs, Driving Gloves.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1891. [a22

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

A Gentleman at Large—New Novel by Author of Mystery of a Hansom Cab—40 cents.
Stanley's Darkest Africa—Cheap Edition.
Jamieson's With the Rear Column.
Newspaper Reader's Companion.
The Right Word in the Right Place.
Kreutzer Sonata, by Count Tolstoi, the Novel which has created so great a sensation—40 cents.
Major Bartelott's Diaries and Letters.
Lux Mundi.
Wild Beasts and Their Ways, by Sir Samuel Baker.
Notes on Building Construction.
Stokes on Memory, 40 cents.

REDUCTION IN PRICES.

☞ In order to close the Consignment, we offer at reduced Prices the following well-known brands of Cigarettes and Tobaccos:—

GUARANTEED FRESH AND IN GOOD CONDITION.
VIRGINIA BRIGHT CIGARETTES.
Box of 500 for $2.50, usual price $3.50.
OLD RIP TOBACCO.
Half Pound Tins, 35 cents, usual price 50 cents.
RICHMOND MIXTURE.
Half Pound Tins, 35 cents, usual price 50 cents.
RICHMOND GEM CURLY CUT.
Half Pound Tins, 75 cents, usual price $1.00.

KELLY & WALSH, LD., Hongkong.
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THE MARINBURK FURNITURE COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAM FACTORY AT WANCHAI.

NEW SHOWROOM AT CONNAUGHT HOUSE, No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

At which a large assortment of Furniture of Best Materials and Workmanship in latest designs may now be seen, including

DRAWING, DINING, and BED-ROOM SUITES.

IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS with Spring Mattresses and Bedding complete.

LACE CURTAINS, ETC., ETC.

FURNITURE RE-UPHOLSTERED.

Just landed and is now being opened up, a large consignment of American
PARLOUR, COOKING, and HEATING STOVES.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1891. [80

W. BREWER

Has just received
Office Letter Scales.
Office Envelope Dampers.
T and Set Squares.
New Stock Hog Hair Artists' Brushes.
" " Sable Brushes.
" " Oil Colour Boxes.
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Large Stock of New French Books.
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Polyglot Correspondent—
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Series J.—For Gentlemen, or large size.
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Winds in less than a dozen turns; Jewelled, Dust-proof, Keyless, with all the latest improvements. A perfect and unrivalled timekeeper; reliable, durable and accurate,
$4.75 each
and also
Series E.—The "Good old favourite." The best form of the original Waterbury: offered at the reduced price of $2.70 each.

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THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHIA
Sole Agents in Japan, China, Corea, Hongkong & Macao.
No. 10, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1890. [a375

INTIMATIONS.

DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA, LIMITED,
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COD LIVER OIL JELLY.
This is a sweet and exceedingly palatable Jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent. of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all fishy taste and flavour is entirely covered.
In glass jars at 75 Cents.

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A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.
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A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.
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BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.
For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.
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The remedy for Influenza, Cold in the Head, Hay Fever, Catarrh. Prepared from a prescription of Sir R. Martin. 50 Cents and $1.00

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JOURNALIST.

WANTED, at a Neighbouring Port, a JOURNALIST.
Apply by letter to
JOURNALIST,
c/o *Daily Press* Office.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1891. [454

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on WEDNESDAY,
the 25th day of February, 1891,
at Noon,
at the PREMISES, No. 13, Queen's Road East,
Under a Bill of Sale,
SUNDRY MACHINERY,
the Property of FOK SUI SHANG, carrying on Business under the Firm Name of HIP TAI LOONG.

1 SET SHEARING MACHINE.
5 SELF-ACTING SLIDING and CUTTING LATHES, DRILLING, PLANING and SLOTTING MACHINES, SCREW-CUTTING MACHINE.
3 SETS LAUNCH ENGINES (under course of construction.)
STEEL and LOWMOOR PLATES.
PIGIRON, COPPER, and BRASS WARE.
TOOLS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:
Cash before delivery. All Lots with all faults and errors of description at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [485

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on WEDNESDAY, the 25th February, 1891,
at 2.30 P.M.,
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
~~(For Account of whom it may Concern),~~
A QUANTITY OF
SINGER'S AMERICAN SEWING MACHINES,
viz:—
70 Foot Machines with Table Ordinary Size.
35 do. do. do. Larger Size.
4 do. do. do. Extra Large Size.
11 HAND MACHINES.
2 CABINET MACHINES.
EXTRA STANDS, COVERS, TABLES, TREADLES, NEEDLES, and other Accessories.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1891. [423

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY.

BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG,
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION,

SUIT No. 73 OF 1890,

BETWEEN YEUNG SHIN KAM, PLAINTIFF,
AND
J. C. DOS REMEDIOS AND OTHERS, DEFENDANTS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on WEDNESDAY, the 25th February, 1891,
at 4 o'clock P.M.,
at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,
All That PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate, lying and being at Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as Subsection 2 of Section A of INLAND LOT No. 141, with the PREMISES thereon known as No. 13, Remedios Terrace, Arbuthnot Road, subject to a Mortgage dated the 5th day of August, 1890, to secure the sum of $8,000 and Interest.

Particulars of the property can be obtained from
HOLMES & RODYK,
Solicitors for Judgment Creditor,
Queen's Road, Hongkong;
or
G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer,
Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [399

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Capt. Jackson to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
on THURSDAY,
the 26th February, 1891,
at 2 P.M.,
at his Residence, No. 4, West Terrace,—
The Whole of the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
Comprising:—
PLUSH COVERED TABLES, CHIMNEY GLASS, and MARBLE MANTELPIECE CLOCK.
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ARRIVALS.

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Feb. 20, Ta-yuan, British steamer, 1,459, R. Nelson, Kobe 15th Feb., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
Feb. 20, Taichiow, British str., 862, Unsworth, Bangkok 10th Feb., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
Feb. 20, Namkiang, British steamer, 999, W. J. Wooldridge, Singapore 8th Feb., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Feb. 20, Fooksang, British steamer, 990, H. W. Hogg, Shanghai 16th Feb., and Swatow 19th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Feb. 20, Redpole, British gunboat, 805, F. W. Freeman, Foochow 18th February.
Feb. 20, Colonier, British str., 1,467, Chater, Penarth 5th Jan., Coal.—Government.
Feb. 20, Cheang Hock Kian, British str., 955, Greenfell, Singapore 12th Feb., General.—Chinese.
Feb. 20, China, German steamer, 1,097, P. Voss, Saigon 15th Feb., Rice and Paddy.—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.
20th February.
Peking, German str., for Shanghai.
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DEPARTURES.

Feb. 20, Alwine, German str., for Hoihow.
Feb. 20, Formosa, British str., for Swatow.
Feb. 20, Cheang Hee Teng, British str., for Amoy.
Feb. 20, Michael Jebsen, German str., for Saigon.
Feb. 20, Sarpedon, British str., for London.
Feb. 20, Tai Yick, German str., for Saigon.
Feb. 20, Verona, British str., for Yokohama.
Feb. 20, Falkenburg, German str., for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Namkiang*, str., from Singapore.—147 Chinese.
Per *Haitan*, str., from East Coast.—Mr. Weng Tai Feng.
Per *Taiyuan*, str., from Kobe.—Capt. McCay, and Mr. Travers.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Taiyuan*, from Kobe 15th Feb., had strong monsoon with heavy seas and overcast weather throughout.

The British steamer *Fooksang*, from Shanghai 16th Feb., and Swatow 19th, had fresh monsoon and fine weather with rain at times.

The British steamer *Cheang Hock Kian*, from Saigon 12th Feb., had strong monsoons with thick rainy weather and high sea all the way.

The British steamer *Namkiang*, from Singapore 8th Feb., had strong N.E. wind to moderate gale with high sea throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Colonier*, from Penarth 5th Jan., experienced moderate breeze and fine weather to Port Said. Left Port Said Sunday, 8 p.m., 18th Jan., experienced very heavy monsoons and head sea along the coast.

The British steamer *Taichiow*, from Bangkok 15th Feb., had strong S.E. wind and cloudy weather from Koh-si-chang to Pulo Obi; from Pulo Obi to Cape Padaran fresh N.E. gale with high N.E. sea; from Padaran to Parascels moderate wind with N.E. swell; from thence to port fresh to strong winds and very high N.E. sea with dull cloudy weather.

The British steamer *Haitan*, from Foochow 17th Feb., Amoy 18th, and Swatow 19th, had fresh N.E. gale and high sea throughout to Amoy. From Amoy to Swatow strong N.E. wind and high sea throughout. From Swatow to port moderate N.E. to E. wind and overcast weather. In Foochow H.M.S. *Redpole*. In Amoy steamers *Centaio*, *Yunnan*, and *Nanshan*. In Swatow steamer *Sangkiang*.

AMOY SHIPPING.

February— ARRIVALS.
15, Hailoong, British str., from Hongkong.
15, Chiyuen, Chinese str., from Swatow.
16, Diamante, British str., from Hongkong.
16, Formosa, British str., from Taiwanfoo.
16, Smith, Chinese str., from Hongkong.
17, Ping Ching, C.R. cruiser, from Lighthouses.
February— DEPARTURES.
15, Kristina Nilsson, Ger. bg., for Taiwanfoo.
16, Hailoong, British str., for Tamsui.
16, Diamante, British str., for Manila.
16, Smith, Chinese str., for Tamsui.
16, Formosa, British str., for Swatow.

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DEATH.

At 5, Woodlands Terrace, on the 20th February, CORA, the beloved wife of Captain G. A. TAYLER. Deeply regretted. [494

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 21st, 1891.

The last performance of "The Gondoliers" by the Choral Society takes place this evening.

H.M. gunboat *Redpole* (Lieut.-Commander Freeman) arrived here from Foochow yesterday.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the C. P. steamer *Parthia* left Vancouver on Wednesday morning, the 18th inst., for Japan and China.

The Agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) inform us that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Menmuir* left Port Darwin for this port on Thursday and may be expected to arrive on the 28th inst.

The charge against Mr. Kennedy of neglecting to have his child vaccinated has been dismissed, a satisfactory explanation of the circumstances having been received from Dr. Cantlie.

To-day we commence the publication of a new serial tale. The name of the gifted authoress—Miss Dora Russell—is a sufficient guarantee that it is well written. The story is entitled "A Fatal Past."

To-morrow morning, between 9 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Dispatching*, carrying the Bethel flag, will call alongside any vessel hoisting code pennant C., to convey men ashore to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) Church returning about 12.30.

We hear that a silk flag and address will be presented to Captain Ashton, President of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association, at a meeting of the society which is to be held at College Chambers to-night. Other matters of interest, including the official report of the capture of *Namoa* pirates, will be brought before the meeting. All British shipmasters and officers are invited to attend.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 18th February.

MR. MORLEY'S VOTE OF CENSURE REJECTED.

Mr. John Morley's vote of censure has been rejected by a majority of seventy five.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

Large sales of silver have been made in New York. There is a strong conviction that no legislation will take place during the present session affecting silver.

"HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1891.

SECOND DAY, 20th February.

The second day's racing was, contrary to custom, rather more interesting than the opening day. The attendance was, if anything, rather larger than on the first day, while the wins were far more evenly divided. The more equal division of honours added an interest to the meeting that was wanting on the first day Mr. Buxey's stable on this occasion came to the fore with three wins. Mr. John Peel's stable was hardly so successful as on the previous day, securing two first places only, while Messrs. Sassoon, Ess and Fraser Smith had one each. Surprises were on the whole less frequent than on the opening day. The biggest upset was on the German Cup, in which Tomtit unexpectedly landed a winner. This was perhaps the biggest surprise of the meeting, the dividend in the totalisator, $230, showing pretty well in what estimation the winner was held.

Appended are the details of the day's races:—

THE SCURRY STAKES, sweepstakes of $5 each, with $100 added, second pony to receive $50; for all *bonâ fide* griffins at the date of entry; subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91; non-winners allowed 5lbs.; weight for inches. One mile.

Mr. Ess' Starlight, 11st. 1lb. ..(Mr. Maclean) 1
Mr. Buxey's Crown Diamond, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Reynell) 2
Mr. Joe's Flight, 10st. 12lbs. ..(Mr. Sampson) 3
Mr. Awa's Phœnix, 10st. 12lbs. ..(Mr. Green) 0
Mr. John Peel's Ardent, 11st. 7lbs. ..... (Mr. Hough) 0
Mr. John Peel's Hilarity, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Argyll's Vampire, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Major Hannay) 0

Starlight started a strong favourite, although Ardent found many backers. The field got away fairly easily, but Ardent had rather a bad start. On passing the Judge's box for the first time the favourite had the lead, closely followed by Crown Diamond, Flight third, Vampire fourth, the rest pretty well together, and Ardent last by some three lengths. On taking the first bend, Crown Diamond passed Starlight, and as they went up the incline was leading by about half a length from Starlight, Flight being third, though then shook Ardent up, and taking the slope in fine style he came right through the crowd and joined Starlight. Past the Village and into the straight Crown Diamond, Starlight, and Ardent raced well together, but the pace up the incline seemed to have told on Ardent, who quickly fell to the rear. Starlight then came away and won rather easily, Crown Diamond second, Flight a good third, and Phœnix fourth. Time, 2 mins 9 secs.

THE EXCHANGE PLATE, presented by bankers and exchange brokers of Hongkong; for China ponies; winners of Foochow or Hongkong Club Cup, 5lbs. extra; entrance $10; second pony to receive half of the entrance money. One mile and three quarters.

Mr. Sassoon's Zephyr, 11st. 4lbs. ...(Owner) 1
Mr. Buxey's Arabic, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Reynell) 2
Mr. Buxey's Royalty, 11st. 1lb. ..(Mr. Pond) 3
Mr. Yoma's Cobweb, 11st. 1lb. ..(Mr. Boyd) 0
Mr. John Peel's Vagrant, 11st. 8lbs. ..... (Mr. Hough) 0
Mr. John Peel's Orchid, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Master) 0

A capital start was made. Cobweb took the lead and kept it for about fifty yards, when Arabic came along and setting a rattling pace the first time on passing the Rock was leading by about two lengths, Cobweb being next, Royalty and Zephyr third, and Mr. Peel's pair last. This order was maintained till the first time round was completed, Arabic when passing the Grand Stand for the first time leading by half a dozen lengths. On turning the bend Arabic had still an enormous lead, while Zephyr and Royalty had taken second place, the first named having a little the advantage. As they turned into the straight Arabic had still a good bit in hand, but coming up the straight Sassoon let Zephyr out and he quickly overtook Arabic, and cantered in an easy winner. Royalty a good third. The time, 3 min. 50½ secs., is, we believe, the best made in Hongkong for the distance.

THE GERMAN CUP, presented by members of the German Club, for subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, only; weight for inches; entrance $10; second pony to receive 75 per cent.; third pony 25 per cent. of entrance money. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. John Peel's Tomtit, 10st. 7lbs. ..... (Mr. Master) 1
Mr. John Peel's Blue Bonnet, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Hough) 2
Mr. Fraser Smith's Glencoe, 10st. 13lbs. ..... (Mr. Maclean) 3
Mr. MacLin's High Jinks, 10st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Reynell) 0
Mr. Jay's Runner, 10st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Collingwood) 0
Mr. Darius' Mercury, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Pond) 0
Mr. Quintal's Rosalie, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Green) 0
Capt. Gardiner's Alexander, 11st. 1lb ..... (Mr. Cruickshank) 0
Mr. Twain's Toison d'Or, 11st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Hart Buck) 0
Mr. Jones' Ysgyfarnog 10st. 12lbs ..... (Mr. Orlebar) 0
Mr. Sassoon's Hautboy, 10st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Sampson) 0
Mr. Lee's Redskin, 10st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Macleodrew) 0
Mr. Monat's Redfern, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Hutchings) 0

At the start Hautboy led, Pathfinder following closely on his heels. When nearing the Rock Mr. Peel's stable began to show to the front. The pick of this stable was leading round the Village and appeared almost a certainty. When turning into the straight, however, a rather different complexion of affairs was evidenced. Within the last 300 yards, Tomtit, who was hardly supposed to be equal to a place, assumed the lead and came in in a canter, carrying off the Cup. Blue Bonnet and Glencoe made an excellent race for second place, the former winning it by a length. Time, 2 mins 47 secs.

THE PROFESSIONAL CUP, presented, for all China ponies; weight for inches; winners of one race at this meeting, 7 lbs. extra; of two races, 10 lbs. extra; and of three races, 15 lbs. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12st.; entrance $10; second pony to receive 50 per cent. of entrance money; third pony 25 per cent. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Home Guard, 11st. 1lb ..... (Mr. Pond) 1
Mr. Sid's Susewind, 11st. 1lb. (Mr. Maclean) 2
Mr. Boyd's Duncraggan, 11st. 5lbs. (Mr. Boyd) 3
Mr. Schrof's Coquette, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Hart Buck) 0

As soon as it was known that Home Guard would start he immediately became a hot favourite, it hardly being thought that Susewind would get much chance against him. At the start, Maclean went off with his usual flying start, and on passing the box for the first time was leading by about three lengths, Duncraggan and Home Guard being next and Coquette some three or four lengths behind. At the bend Home Guard began gradually to decrease the distance between himself and Susewind. Going up the incline he caught Susewind and led him from this point past the Village and into the straight. When within fifty yards of the winning post Home Guard's jockey, feeling a little too sure of the race, pulled up his mount and cantered slowly in. Maclean, seeing this fault, shook up Susewind and nearly succeeded in snatching the race on the post, Home Guard only landing a winner by a very short neck. Time 2 mins. 40½ secs.

THE PARSEE CUP; presented by the Parsee community; for China ponies, being *bonâ fide* griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; winners of one race at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; of two races, 12lbs. extra; subscription griffins of this season; non-winners allowed 5 lbs; entrance $5. Seven furlongs.

Mr. John Peel's Merry Thought, 11st. 4lbs. (Mr. Hough) 1
Mr Ess' Starlight, 11st. 8lbs. (Mr. Maclean) 2
Mr. Buxey's Crown Diamond, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Reynell) 3
Mr. Heinrich's Kubla Khan, 10st 11b. ..... (Mr. Sampson) 0
Mr. Joe's Flight, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Master) 0
Mr. Sassoon's Austerlitz, 11st. 1lb. (Owner) 0
Mr. Coll's Chimera, 10st. 9lbs. (Mr. Nichol) 0
Mr. Awa's Phœnix, 10st. 12lbs. (Mr. Green) 0

After somewhere in the neighbourhood of a dozen false starts, owing principally to the vagaries of Crown Diamond, the field were got away. Crown Diamond at once took the lead, closely followed by Starlight, with Kubla Khan and the rest, with the exception of Flight, who was rather shut out at the finish, well up. On going up the incline to the Block Rock, Crown Diamond had still the lead, Starlight was second, Kubla Khan third, with Flight beating well up and promising for a place. The lead was however rather too much for him, and after passing the Rock he fell away. On turning the bend for the Village, Merry Thought put on the pace, and passing the others came with a rattling stride on even terms with Crown Diamond, before turning into the straight. From here home he led easily, winning by about three lengths. Crown Diamond and Starlight made a good race for second place, Mr. Buxey's pony taking it by about half a length. Time, 1 min. 52 secs.

THE JOCKEY CUP; for subscription ponies of this and last season, winners excluded; to be ridden by jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches; entrance $5. One mile.

Mr. A. W. Maitland's Bolero, 10st. 9lbs. ..... (Mr. May) 1
Major Hannay's Jujube, 10st. 12lbs. (Owner) 1
Mr. Coll's Kwizefishat, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Cruickshank) 3
Mr. Jay's Loafer, 11st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Collingwood) 0
Mr. Fraser Smith's Mak Siccar, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Orlebar) 0
Mr. Barker's Clarewood, 11st. 4lbs. (Owner) 0
Mr. John Peel's Quickstep, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Gresson) 0
Mr. John Peel's Total Loss, 11st. 7lbs. ..... (Lieut. Steward) 0

The field was got away with but little difficulty, Mak Siccar took the lead at the start closely followed by Jujube, who after a furlong caught and passed him. At the Rock Jujube was still leading, Mak Siccar being about a length behind, Mr. Peel's pair next, and Kwizefishat fifth. On coming down the slope Kwizefishat, who was much fancied, came up in good style and took third place. On passing the Village Mak Siccar dropped away, his place being taken by Kwizefishat. As they turned into the straight Bolero, who had been rapidly pressing to the front, passed Kwizefishat and came on level terms with Jujube. A neck and neck race was had between the pair up the straight, resulting in a dead heat, Kwizefishat being third. Time 2 mins. 13½ secs.

It was elected to run off the dead heat after the last race. Jujube started rather the favourite, but an excellent race ensued, the result hanging in the balance to the last moment, when Jujube went ahead, winning by a very short neck.

THE FLYAWAY STAKES; for all China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, allowed 5lbs; entrance $5, with $100 added; second pony to receive $50. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Buxey's Skipjack, 10st. 12lbs. ..... (Mr. Reynell) 1
Mr. Sassoon's Unicorn, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Owner) 2
Mr. John Peel's Opposition, 11st. 5lb. ..... (Mr. Hough) 3
Mr. Sid's Waldo, 11st. 11b. ..(Mr Sampson) 0
Mr. Fraser Smith's Chaser, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Maclean) 0
Mr. Yoma's Nero, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Boyd) 0

At the fall of the flag Skipjack took the lead, closely followed by Chaser, the others being close together with the exception of Opposition, who was well at the tail. When nearing the Rock Waldo gradually came up to second place, closely followed by Unicorn and Opposition in the order named. Waldo, who was going well on nearing the Village, allowed Unicorn and Opposition to get on even terms with him on coming up the straight. From this point Skipjack increased his lead and won easily by about four lengths. Unicorn and Opposition when about fifty yards from the post passed Waldo and finished second and third respectively. Time 1 min. 33 secs.

THE BROKERS' CUP, presented; for all China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 7 lbs. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, allowed 5lbs.; entrance $5; second pony to receive half entrance money. One mile and a half.

Mr. Buxey's Redproclation, 10st. 10lbs. ..... (Mr. Reynell) 1
Mr. Chantrey's Autocrat, 11st. 4lbs. ..... (Mr. Master) 2
Mr. Ten Broeck's Wild Mint, 10st. 6lbs. ..... (Mr. Maclean) 3
Mr. John Peel's Orchid, 11st. 1lb. ..... (Mr. Hough) 0
Mr. Trust's Haphazard, 11st. 1lb (Mr. Nichol) 0

On getting away Wild Mint took the lead closely followed by Autocrat and Reciprocation. After passing the box for the first time, it was evident that the race lay between Wild Mint, Reciprocation, and Autocrat, the first named showing well for the winning place. On ascending the incline to the Rock Autocrat and Reciprocation came well up on Wild Mint. On nearing the Village Autocrat caught and passed Wild Mint, Reciprocation coming on even terms with him. Passing the village, Reciprocation took first place with Wild Mint close at its heels, Autocrat falling back into the third place. On coming into the straight there was still another change. Reciprocation increased his lead, ultimately passing the judge's box about three length a head. Autocrat passed Wild Mint, who, though hard pressed failed to regain the lost ground and allowed Autocrat to take second place with a length to the good. Time, 3 min. 19 secs.

THE WELTER PLATE, for all ponies; weight 12st; previous winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; entrance $5, with $100 added. One mile.

Mr. Fraser Smith's Enchanter, 12st. 0lb. ..... (Mr. Maclean) 1
Mr. John Peel's Merry Xmas, 11st. 0lb. ..... (Mr. Hough) 2
Mr. Nantai's Blue Ruin, 12st. 0lb. ..... (Mr. Master) 3
Mr. Jones's Llygoddan, 12st. 0lb. (Mr. Orlebar) 0
Mr. A. W. Maitland's Salpetre, 12st. 0lb. ..... (Mr. Rynall) 0
Mr. Argyll's Vampire, 12st. 0lb. ..... (Major Hannay) 0
Mr. Buxey's Grayling, 12st. 0lb. (Mr. Pond) 0
Mr. Ten Broeck's Black Silk, 12st. 0lb. ..... (Mr. Boyd) 0
Mr. Twain's Ascold, 12st. 0lb. ..... (Mr. Collingwood) 0
Mr. Awa's Phœnix 12st 0lb. (Mr. Green) 0

At the start Saltpetre led. Enchanter quickly pulled up on him and took the lead, which he kept all the way, cantering up the straight rather an easy winner. The result was somewhat of a surprise. Time, 2 min. 12½ secs.

The programme for to-day is as follows:—

THE CIVIL SERVICE CUP, presented, for subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91; weight for inches; previous winners, 7lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; entrance $5; second pony to receive half the entrance money. One mile.

THE CHALLENGE CUP, value 100 guineas, for China ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the *bonâ fide* property of the same owner; weight for inches; entrance (forced $5, but optional to subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; and third, 10 per cent. of entrance money. One mile and three quarters.

THE NAVY CUP, presented by officers of H.M. Fleet; for all China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting of one race, 5lbs. extra; of two races, 7lbs. extra, and of three or more races, 10lbs. extra; non-starters at this meeting excluded; entrance $10; second pony to receive half of the entrance money. One mile.

THE LADIES' PURSE, for all China ponies; weight for inches; all ponies not subscription griffins that have placed 3lbs. extra; winners not subscription griffins, 7lbs. extra; entrance $5. Seven furlongs.

HONGKONG STAKES, a forced entry of $5 for all subscription griffins of the season 1890-91; first pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance money and $200 added; second pony, 20 per cent.; third 10 per cent.; weight for inches; winner of German Cup 10lbs. extra; winners of any other races 5lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

THE KOWLOON CUP, presented; for China ponies; second pony to receive $50; weight for inches; entrance $10; from the Black Rock twice round and in.

THE GARRISON CUP, presented by the officers of the garrison; for China ponies, *bonâ fide* griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; entrance $10; subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91, allowed 5lbs. From two-mile post once round and in.

THE CONSOLATION STAKES; for all beaten China ponies at this meeting; weight for inches; entrance $5, with $100 added; second pony to receive $50. Once round.

THE CHAMPION STAKES, a forced entry for all China ponies, winners at this meeting only; weight for inches; entrance $20; winners of two races, $30; of three or more races, $50, with $100 added. One mile and a half.

THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES, for all beaten subscription griffins of this season, 1890-91; entrance $5, with $100 added for the first pony, and $50 for the second pony; weight for inches. Half a mile.

The following are the tips for to-day's races:—
The CIVIL SERVICE CUP—Glencoe or Mercury.
The CHALLENGE CUP—Zephyr.
The NAVY CUP—Waldo.
The LADIES' PURSE—Susewind.
HONGKONG STAKES—Blue Bonnet.
The KOWLOON CUP—Arabic.
The GARRISON CUP—Starlight.
CONSOLATION STAKES—Unknown.
CHAMPION STAKES—Zephyr.
NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES—Kubla Khan.

AN UP-RIVER REVERIE.

Like most German girls, Bertha Hilden has a strong vivid imagination which she had trained from childhood for her own amusement and she lived much in an inner world of fancy which was a great comfort to her, as she resided with her parents in China; thus she often escaped the dullness and monotony of the outer world of fact that exists at Foochow, where one feels occasionally the emptiness of this arid existence.

But gradually fancy and fact coalesced in the shape of Mr. Crafton, a good-looking I. M. Customs Assistant. Society in general observed that there was a mutual admiration between these two young people and it for once was right. It was not much that Mr. Crafton ever said to Bertha, but the grave and gentle courtesy of his manner, some subtle quality of deference and respect that he paid her, made her think a great deal about him, and look eagerly forward to another meeting at ball or dinners, when she tried to look her best "for him." She dreamed of him, wove fancies about him, but she more like some lost Eurwealher nearer acquaintance would disapl and change her sentimental liking to indifference or to sublime *love*. She had not long to wait to find it out, for the Chinese New Year holidays afforded ample opportunity to bring them together; and for several days the several houseboats of the different parties were sailing gaily up the Yuen-foo river, that wanders at the foot of the hills, lying across verdant fields like a silver ribbon on green velvet. A great deal of pleasure peculiar to houseboat life consists in what is termed "roughing it," and this brings with it a sort of freemasonry amongst the excursionists, the very thing which pleased Bertha most. In defiance of any rheumatic or neuralgic future which her elders prophesied for her, every evening she came out on deck to watch with Mr. Crafton the fair night or chat cozily there for hours while the writers were licking the sides of the boat with refreshing sounds. The boats now were anchored near a row of aquatic vegetation, reeds, rushes, etc. while the party went on shore to inspect any quaint spot heard of, any green bank that holds out enticement for the naturalist. Bertha and Mr. Crafton wandered forth together up hill until they arrived at the Waterfall, one of the best known sights in the neighbourhood of this port. Its fall is about 70 feet above the upland plain, and from the summit one can see many miles of the fertile rice and wheat lands. It is a favourite place for lovers, who from time to time go up there, for there are bushes to hide behind, caverns to conceal oneself in, and behind the rocks were seated the young couple conversing in confiding tones—principally about nothing. They were bending over a little babbling stream, their heads coming into closer proximity, until in the end with a sudden movement "their spirits rushed together in the meeting of the lips"! After that as any person of the slightest experience in such matters will readily believe, they found it was time to join the party from which they were separated. Bertha was conscious of a shyness and awkwardness of manner born of the indescribable feeling which gives a pathos to happiness, but Mr. Crafton thought that he possessed one virtue over many other fellows in his case, namely *presence of mind*, which virtue prevented him from proposing to the girl at once.

Returned to the village at the foot of the hill, there was a deal of bustle amongst the Chinese holiday-makers, lazily stretched out boatmen and coolies who send forth a volley of puns and local allusions, dirty children grovelling on the ground, and in the midst of this crowd sat a fortune-telling son of Han, wearing large spectacles, with that calm Buddha-like serenity characteristic of his race. "Let us see what Fate has in store for us, Miss Hilden, just for fun." Of course, Bertha with the buoyancy of her eighteen summers was ready for the fun and she listened laughingly to the rigmarole of rambling disconnected sentences read and translated by her admirer off the paper which the clairvoyant had to write in fault of Mr Crafton's incapacity to speak the Foochow dialect: "Fate "was not very hard on her, she should have many "blessings come to her through having had such "venerable ancestors. She will be rich some "day, will have a severe illness when old, but "her grave is in a good situation! etc, and that "she will not marry the man she at present "is in love with; for an *old gentleman* will "prevent it." Both stared at each other embarrassed, they could not possibly *say* a word on the subject, for their attachment was as yet so undefined and so recent, but they could *think* fully over the prophecy which entirely ruined the charming mood they were in. Bertha thought that either her or Mr. Crafton's father would rise in arms against the alliance; while he impulsively and somewhat jerkily asked: "Surely, Miss Hilden, you would not care to be an old man's darling? and he began to whistle the old tune:

"La donna è mobile qual piuma al vento.
"Muta d'accento, e di pensier——"

"No," replied Bertha with swimming eyes, "more constant, it is the man that are fickle"—"women are and thus they separated for the day, and my readers too must leave for a moment those young people alone.

"How can a man be concealed?" says Confucius. Still he can *almost* conceal himself behind books and dispatches; yes, it is not at *one* coup d'œil that you find the I. G. of Customs in his office; you must search for him although he is the central figure in it. A stern looking office it is, heavy leathered mahogany furniture, dull merino curtains; books on three sides of the room from floor to ceiling; really if it were not for the mirror which hangs over the discoloured mantelpiece one should call that office almost ugly. Near the window stands an old fashioned bureau that looks as if it might possibly contain secrets of a sentimental nature, but never mind, it gives no sign if it contains anything of the more romantic times of the I. G. Said bureau is covered almost *ad nauseam* with a mixture of dispatches, and one of those he selects, smooths it out on the desk, and reads: "A young assistant is immediately wanted in Korea as the actual one is incapacitated for office through an accident!" "Humph," mused he, "I have to send some one at once by telegram," and suiting the action to the word he took up that yellow book, the service list. "Let me see! here is Mr. Fairweather nearer Korea than anybody else;—but no, he will not suit the present Commissioner there; so, how would Dixon do? No, he is also out of the question, for Korea will not suit his already morose nature; now for that young Crafton at Foochow, he is the very man! adapted to most ports, besides he has had rather a lively season there, solitude will do him good for a change!" and so the telegraph wire vibrated between Peking and this with the message: "Crafton immediately to Fusan."

When Bertha Hilden said good night to Mr Crafton on the houseboat, they were at the end of their excursion, for next morning they returned to their homes after a five days' absence.

How surprised was the young man at the news by wire and the sudden turn of affairs! he packed hurriedly his things and in midst of all his preparations he was instinctively arranging his plans for both attack and defence on the subject of love for Bertha. He at once sat energetically on his trunk and mused with his *alter ego*: "Now listen, I have as second assistant a good enough position to be able to take to my bosom for woe or weal a wife; now, *alter ego*, what have you got to say for yourself as regards Bertha?"—and the *alter ego* had *nothing* to say! So in this distinct frame of mind he went and made p. p. c. calls on the ladies and when he came to Bertha he simply said. "*The old gentleman* my chief wants my service elsewhere Miss Hilden, and I have come to say good bye."

There was an arbitrary ring in his voice that brought Bertha to a standstill: it was wonderful how the valiant little girl struggled to be gay and said her "adieux"! while he left like a man. When the door closed, Bertha's eyes were swimming in tears, she took up his card, and with a sudden impulse of tenderness softly laid it against her cheek—and then treasured it carefully in her album. The hero of this left last night by the *Taku*; people who are un- gracious and cynical whisper: "What a narrow escape he had. Bertha's friends however say: Oh! how cruel for her;" while she herself sits on the piano stool and sings the old song:

"Behüt dich Gott! es war zu schön gewesen.
"Behüt dich Gott! es hat nicht sollen sein."

MARRIAGE, in Foochow, Echo.

FOOCHOW.

At last after a delay of over three years, the long pending settlement of the rowdy attack upon the Roman Catholic Missionaries and the destruction of four of their churches at Fokoan, has been satisfactorily settled. However, it is better late than never, as it serves not only as a lesson to haters of the Christian faith, but it will bring them to a knowledge that such practices will not be left unpunished. Though M. Frandin had much to do with the case till he left the port, we understand that the final settlement of the case is greatly due to the energies of M. Frandin.

The *Hupu* states that since the introduction of foreign nails into China over a thousand workmen who make their living by hammering out nails have discontinued their trade, and this assertion specially refers to Foochow. We fear the statement is entirely incorrect, because we have never heard of any such distress amongst the blacksmiths. On the contrary, we are told upon enquiry that the trade is prospering. The report must have been circulated by those who hate foreign manufactured goods; for to place a thousand men out of work, foreign nails must be entirely used for all purposes, and we do not see that any such improvement has taken place in any work at this port, either on foreign or Chinese account.

Thanks to the energies and vigilance of the authorities, the old China year has ended without any serious mishap, as was freely predicted by the natives themselves, anticipating that failures of some importance would happen. Gloomy was no doubt the aspect of all affairs during the 12th moon, especially among bankers, who, we understand, had much difficulty in collecting their loans. However, they all have managed to make a stand against the ruling hard-pressed times. In regard to native merchants, we understand that about a score of them will not be able to continue business this year, owing to their inability to settle last year's account. Their credit is suspended, and they are considered by traders as bankrupt. Misery is fast spreading all over the country; still our celestial friend believes that the present year is worth hoping through and that trade in general will be greatly revived. We sincerely hope that such will prove a substantial fact and no myth and that our worst fears that misfortune has got already too firm a hold in the country, brought on undoubtedly by negligence and dishonest dealing, will not be realised. Whatever may be the prospect of the present year, the one just ended was unquestionably the worst yet recorded and thanks are due to the authorities for the wise step they took in placing watchmen all over the city and suburbs, thereby effectually preventing the usual destructive fires.—*Echo.*

BANGKOK.

It may interest people to know how shares of the Bangkok Tramways Company are distributed. There are 976 owned by Englishmen, 944 by Siamese, 630 by Danes, 590 by Swiss, 56 by Americans, 50 by Italians, 20 by Germans, and 15 by Frenchmen.

A beautiful luminous meteor was seen to fall from the heavens about nine o'clock on Wednesday evening last (4th inst.) and split into fragments when near the earth. The phenomenon was accompanied by sparks and the disappeared to have a circumference of some four inches.

The same cyclone which swept over Mount Champon some weeks ago also seems to have devastated Langsoeen, as from information just received we learn that the town has been visited by a terrific storm which destroyed a number of houses and inundated the country for miles around.

The plans for the seven new lighthouses ordered by His Majesty to be built along the West coast are now completed and some of the lamps have already arrived. The light will be produced by great central stationary burners illuminating the whole horizon by reflectors, and that destined for Kedha is of very large dimensions and of superior brilliancy. The light for Chantaboon will show 20 miles.

The sunken steamer *Kokeit Chang* has been successfully lifted from the seven fathom of water where she settled after being run ashore, and now lies in only five fathoms. The work appears to have been carried out energetically, and the owners of the vessel have received every assistance from the Naval Dock Yard authorities. Some difficulty has been experienced in contending with the strong under-current which prevails at the point where the work is being carried on, but there exists every hope of floating the steamer during the next spring tides.

Apropos of "The battle of the gauges," which has for some little time been mildly waged in Bangkok, it will be difficult for those acquainted with the *technique* of such matters, as they exist in India, to understand how it can be seriously contemplated to build a broader gauge in Siam than that of the lines existing on both sides of her, viz., in Burma and the Malay Peninsula. When our railway system is started it goes without saying that we shall in the course of events become linked with the lines of our neighbours, and then the suicidal policy of having different gauges would be practically evidenced. Instead of the Siamese rolling-stock running on the foreign lines and the rolling stock of the foreign lines running on the Siamese line, a general transshipment of goods would needs have to take place and all this would, to a very appreciable extent, increase the price of all imports and exports conveyed by the railway. The bad policy of such a measure has before now been experienced in India and therefore Siam should adopt the metre gauge and no other. Everything is now flourishing in this kingdom and, as money is plentiful, probably His Majesty's advisers hardly attach sufficient importance to the two millions sterling required to build the Korat line. But how will it be if we should have a few bad rice crops, or if other evils should spring up? Siam would then have a large and costly undertaking on her hands, which she could neither sell nor otherwise realise without a foreign loan.

An extraordinary meeting of the Bangkok Tramways Company, Limited, was held on the 7th inst., when were present H.R.H. Krom Mun Samot, Phya Smut, the son of the late Phya Prapa, and Messrs. Richelieu, C. Sri Sararaks, Grassi, Dr. Gowan, Anderson, Chalem Pinit, Thorne, Westenholz (Secretary), Berlin, de Richelieu, Mitchell, Roland, S. J. Smith, and Williamson, representing in all 2,798 votes. Commodore de Richelieu having been voted to the chair, said—Gentlemen, you all know, I presume, for what purpose this meeting has been called, and therefore I need only say a few words to explain why we have decided to take the measure which is stated in the notice calling us together. The late accident was at first considered a small thing, and although we regretted it, we never imagined we should have to pay such heavy damages and were naturally surprised when a judgment was given for ten thousand ticals. As we consider we receive no advantage from being an English company and under English laws, and as we receive no assistance from the British authorities, it will be infinitely better to place the company under Siamese jurisdiction. We have been badly dealt with in the late action. It is quite a different thing, a tramway in Europe and one here. There they have fine roads and policemen to protect drivers and see that the Company's regulations, with regard to passengers, are enforced. Here we receive no such help and have to do the best we can. Of course riding on a tramway when mounting steep bridges is dangerous; we know that all bridges are dangerous; but not to any man in his senses. If a man stands with his back to the horses when a car is going up a steep incline and slings his leg about, he is liable to get it injured. We have difficult responsibilities and risks in carrying on our business when it is registered in Singapore, especially if we receive no assistance from the British authorities. We have hitherto always had to apply to the Siamese authorities when we wanted assistance, and from them we have had much help, therefore your Directors propose to place the Company under the protection of the Siamese laws. That is why we have called this meeting, so if anyone has anything to say they had better say it now and we can then put the resolution to the vote.—After an interval of some ten minutes, as no one had anything to remark, the Chairman said—I now put to the vote the resolution which has been read to you by the Secretary. This was seconded by Mr. Williamese and carried.—*Bangkok Times.*

Small-pox has practically disappeared from the British Isles, only one death having been registered from this disease in England and Wales for the three months ending with Sept number last. During the same period 85 deaths from small-pox were recorded in Venice, 53 in St. Petersburg, 18 in Paris, 11 in Vienna, 10 in Brussels, 7 in Turin, 6 in Prague, and a large number in Madrid.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Diamond-mining in South Africa has revealed the existence in the earth's crust of circular or elliptical chimneys, from 30 to 500 yards in diameter and of considerably greater depth. M. Daubree believes that these were produced by gases at high pressure, and he has imitated the phenomenon.

The great resemblance of twins is not confined to personal appearance, but extends to mental characteristics, and even to daily experiences. The biography of one of a pair is very likely to read much like that of the other. In his efforts to trace the respective parts played by nature and by education in heredity, Mr. Francis Galton has sent out lists of questions concerning twins, and has received about 80 answers, with 35 sets of minute details. He is struck by the similarity between twins in the association of their ideas, as shown in not less than 11 of the 35 cases. "They on the same occasion," he says, "make the same remarks, begin singing the same song at the same moment, and so on; or one would commence a sentence, and the other would finish it. An observant friend graphically described to me the effect produced on her by two such twins whom she had met casually. She said: 'Their teeth grew alike, they spoke alike, and together, and said the same things, and seemed just like one person.' One of the most curious anecdotes that I have received concerning this similarity of ideas was that one twin, A, who happened to be at a town in Scotland, bought a set of champagne-glasses which caught his attention as a surprise for his brother, B; while at the same time B, being in England, bought a similar set precisely the same pattern as a surprise for A. Other anecdotes of a like kind have reached me about these twins."

The *Kew Bulletin* reports great destruction in the pine forests of Bavaria by the *Nonnen*, the caterpillar of a certain moth (*Liparis Monacha*) which at intervals has appeared in vast numbers in Europe. The creatures are eaten by birds, and by wasps and other insects, but the most effective destroyer has been found to be an air-exhauster operated near a powerful electric light. The moths are attracted by the light, and a strong exhaust current of air drawn into a huge funnel sucks them into an underground chamber, where they are effectually buried. A similar destruction in East Prussia in 1

INTIMATIONS

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That at a GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS held in LONDON on 12th FEBRUARY, 1891, it was decided to increase the Capital of the Company by £1,000,000 Stg., in 100,000 Shares of £10 each to be issued at a premium of £1.5s. per Share.

Shareholders whose names appear on the Register on the 9th March, 1891, will be entitled to apply for and receive One New Share for every Original Share held.

Applications for same must be sent in to this Office on or before 23rd March, 1891.

£1.5s. per Share only will be called up at present, plus the premium of £1.5s. per Share payable thus:

		s. d.		s. d.
10/0	on application	(including 5/0 premium).		
15/0	" 1 Apr. '91 allotment	do.	7/6	do.
25/0	" 30th June, 1891	do.	12/6	do.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from 10th to 19th MARCH, 1891, both days inclusive.

At the above-named General Meeting of Shareholders a Resolution was passed changing the name of the Company to

"The Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Limited,"

and cancelling Articles 56 and 59 of the Memorandum of Association.

These alterations require to be confirmed at a Meeting of Shareholders to be held in London on 2nd March next.

DE WESTLEY LAYTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [441

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 14 PRAYA CENTRAL, on MONDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd inst., both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1891. [323

JAPAN BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at No 7, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA, at 3.30 P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of FEBRUARY, 1891, for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts, electing Directors and Auditors, and transacting the Ordinary Business of the Company, and to consider and if deemed expedient to pass the following Resolutions:—

1.—To add to Article 116 of the Articles of Association of the Japan Brewery Co., Ld:—

"They may, however, at the end of the first "six months' working in any year de-"clare and pay without such sanction "an interim dividend not exceeding 5 "per cent. if they consider the business "of the Company to justify their so "doing."

2.—That Article 118 be altered to read as follows:—

"The Directors may, before recommending "any dividend, set aside out of the profits "of the Company such sum as they think "proper for Depreciation and Reserve."

Dated at Yokohama this 7th day of February, 1891.

By Order of the Board,
WILSON WALKER,
Secretary.

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THE SONGEI KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, 6, ICE-HOUSE LANE, on FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1891, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee, with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1891. [397

THE SONGEI KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That in pursuance of a Requisition duly made in writing under Article 8 of the Company's Articles of Association upon the undersigned General Managers, the undersigned do hereby convene an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 6, ICE-HOUSE LANE, for FRIDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1891, at 0.15 P.M., when the following Resolution will be submitted, viz:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865-1890, and that C. S. Sharp and L. Hallward, both of Hongkong, be, and they are hereby, appointed Liquidators for the purposes of such winding up."

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1891. [473

THE LAMAG PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the LAMAG PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICES of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., No. 6, ICE-HOUSE LANE, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, at 12.25 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of passing the following Resolution, that is to say:—

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865-1890, and that C. S. Sharp and L. Hallward, both of Hongkong, be, and they are hereby, appointed "Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.

Dated 18th February, 1891.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1891. [472

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICES of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., No. 6, ICE-HOUSE LANE, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, at 12.35 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of passing the following Resolution, that is to say:—

That the Company be Wound Up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinances, 1865-1890, and that C. S. Sharp and L. Hallward, both of Hongkong, be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purposes of such Winding Up.

Dated Hongkong, 11th February, 1891.

By Order of the Board,
CHAS. F. HARTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1891. [416

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, VICTORIA, on FRIDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, at Half-past Two o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th inst, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. [84

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will take place at the OFFICES of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1891, at 4 o'clock, to receive the Report and Statement of the Accounts of the Company to the 31st of December, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th day of February, both days inclusive.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [435

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY current, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1890.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1891. [370

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 14th, to SATURDAY, the 28th day, of FEBRUARY current (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1891. [371

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, PEDDER'S STREET, on SATURDAY, the 7th proximo, at NOON, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 21st instant to the 7th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1891. [439

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Undersigned is prepared to purchase FRACTIONAL CERTIFICATES at current market rates. Persons holding same are requested to apply at the Company's Office, No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1890. [71

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to HOLDERS of SHARES in the above COMPANY, on which the SECOND CALL of ($2) Two Dollars per Share due 1st December, 1890, is still Unpaid, that unless the Said Call, with Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from the due date, be paid on or before the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1891, at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 6, ICE-HOUSE-LANE, the Shares in respect of which such Call remains unpaid on the aforesaid date will be liable to be FORFEITED, and under the Provisions of Article X., Subsection VIII., of the Articles of Association, the Board will pass the necessary Resolutions for the Forfeiture of the said Shares.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CHAS. F. HARTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1891. [381

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MR. BURCHARD WILHELM WOLFF has this day been authorized to Sign our Firm by procuration

F. NAUDIN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1891. [329

NOTICE.

FROM this date Mr. CHEU YU-TSUN has been appointed General Manager of the *Chung Ngoi San Po* (Chinese Daily Newspaper published at the "Hongkong Daily Press" Office).

Hongkong, 9th February, 1891. [383

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between HO NANG and CUM TIM in connection with the FURNITURE DEALER'S SHOP known as WENG-LEE, situated at QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, has been dissolved from this date.

All Debtors are requested to pay the amounts due to the said HO NANG, who will discharge all Liabilities of the Firm

HO NANG.
CUM TIM.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1891. [384

NOW READY

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

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SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW	Haitan	Brit. str.	Ashton	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"MEMNON,"

Captain Dorff, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at 10 A.M.

In future this or other Steamer will ply between British North Borneo and Hongkong only, leaving Hongkong about every eighteen days.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [406

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PEKING,"

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1891. [483

STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship

"NANZING,"

Captain Hogg, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at NOON.

The Steamer has superior accommodation for first-class passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [477

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

THE Company's Steamship

"GENERAL WERDER,"

Captain M. Eichel, will leave for the above Ports on or about the 22nd of February.

For further particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [7

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

R. Nelson, Commander, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1891. [446

FOR NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"LENNOX,"

Captain Swinnerton, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1891. [2758

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW,"

H. L. Allen, commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th inst.

For Freight apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1891. [410

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG, AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"DENBRIGHSHIRE,"

Captain Gedye, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1891. [2757

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"NECKAR,"

Captain H. Supmer, will leave for the above Place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;

ALSO,

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 15th day of March, 1891, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "NECKAR," Captain H. Supmer, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON. Cargo will be received on Board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 14th March. (Parcels are not to be sent on Board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [7

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS; ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA;

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LONDON, HAVRE, AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 25th instant, 1891, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "IRAOUADDY," Commandant Flandin, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

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For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1891. [2

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship "OCEANIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, February 26th, at ONE P.M., Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To San Francisco	$225.00
To San Francisco and return, available for 6 months	393.75
To Liverpool	325.00
To London	332.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Passengers by this line have the option of proceeding Overland by the Southern Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific, Northern Pacific, or Canadian Pacific Railways.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, remembarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1891. [4

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA YOKOHAMA on TUESDAY, the 10th March, at ONE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1891. [3

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship

"IMPERIAL,"

Crosby, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1891. [3/3

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship

"LUCY A. NICKELS"

will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For freight apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1891. [306

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L. II American Ship

"STERLING,"

Goodwin, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1891. [190

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. British Bark

"LANDSKRONA,"

Joseph W. Boyd, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1891. [345

INSURANCES

THE NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $100,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

DUNN, MELBYE & Co.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1889. [18

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents,
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1891. [31

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877, IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS, against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [213

PHŒNIX FIRE OFFICE

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents for the Phœnix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [17

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY, IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [782

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1890. [2133

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [16

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG
CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), $1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LUM SIN SANG, Esq.
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The Company GRANTS POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are payable to all Contributors of Business, whether they are Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, Queen's Road West,

Hongkong, 14th March, 1881. [2037

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
ESTABLISHED 1870.
HEAD OFFICE,—Hongkong.
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PAID-UP CAPITAL	$ 400,000
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RISKS accepted at CURRENT RATES OF PREMIA.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1890. [852

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong 16th July, 1887. [83

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

As Agents of the above Company we are prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at Current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1889. [1078

ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above COMPANY are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1890. [386

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1, ICE HOUSE ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1890. [827

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Goods received on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-class Godowns.

STEAMER CARGOES discharged on favourable terms.

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1887. [1817

TO BE LET.

TO LET.

BLUE BUILDINGS.

GROUND FLOOR of No. 2.
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MAGAZINE GAP.

TWO SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES. Rent $45 each.

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1891. [59

TO LET.

NO. 4, WEST TERRACE.
Entry 1st MARCH.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1891. [357

TO BE LET.

DESIRABLE OFFICES & GODOWNS, No. 13, Praya Central.
Apply to
STOLTERFOHT & HIRST.

Hongkong, 8th October, 1889. [47

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

GODOWN No. 475, in MATHESON STREET, WANCHAI.
Apply to
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd October, 1890. [56

TO BE LET.

A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE, No. 3, WILD DELL BUILDINGS, Wanchai Road (opposite Bakery).

No. 1 (Corner House facing East) and No. 6 (Corner House facing West) RICHMOND TERRACE; the former with Conservatory and Tennis Lawn. Each House contains Six Good Rooms and is pleasantly situated.

Apply to
HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Secretary,
HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1890. [1805

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES at the VICTORIA PEAK near the Flagstaff. Immediate Possession.
Apply to
E. JONES HUGHES.

Hongkong, 11th June, 1890. [49

TO LET.

CRAIGELLACHIE, 8, BOWEN ROAD.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 21st August, 1890. [51

TO LET.

GODOWNS, BLUE BUILDINGS.
Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1890. [67

TO LET,
Possession 1st January, 1891.

DESIRABLE FIVE ROOMED RESIDENCE, STOWFORD, Bonham Road.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1890. [57

THE PEAK BUILDING Co., LIMITED.

TO LET.

THREE FIVE-ROOMED HOUSES Nos. 7, 8, & 9, STEWART TERRACE, near Peak Church. Gas laid on.
Apply to the SECRETARY,
at Office, 47, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th June, 1890. [50

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3, Wyndham Street, at present in the occupation of *China Mail*. Possession from the 1st NOVEMBER NEXT.
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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1890. [54

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CHAPTER I.

A LADY'S GIFT.

One dull afternoon in the early winter, as Mr. Francis Roche, a junior lieutenant in one of H.M. infantry regiments, was proceeding leisurely up Buckingham Palace Road after making a call in the neighbourhood, some one who was walking behind him deliberately touched his arm.

Mr. Roche turned quickly round.

"Pardon me," said the person who had laid his fingers on Mr. Roche's coatsleeve, "but you are Mr. Roche, of the 107th regiment, are you not?"

"I am Mr. Roche of the 107th," answered young Roche.

"Then," said the person addressing him, who had now removed his fingers from Mr. Roche's sleeve to his own side pocket; "I have a little—sh—commission for you here," (and he tapped his side pocket) "a little commissio" from—well—a lady." And Mr. Roche saw by the street lamps that the man smiled.

"A lady?" repeated Mr. Roche, interested.

"Yes, a lady," reiterated the person, though a more unlikely emissary of Cupid could not have been seen, "and if you will—well accompany me to—that establishment opposite—I will deliver my commission, for which—well, for the satisfaction of all parties—perhaps you will be good enough to give me a receipt?"

"That establishment opposite! Do you mean the old clothes shop?" said Mr. Roche, looking with surprise in the man's face.

"It is not exactly an old clothes shop, sir," said the person, moving his thin form as if deprecatingly. "It is—well, a lady's wardrobe, and is kept by a most respectable and respected lady—in fact, by my wife, sir."

"Humph!" said Mr. Roche, for he did not like the man's looks.

"She has connections, sir, with the first in the land," said the man, warming apparently with his subject. "I won't name names—ladies don't like all their secrets told—but ladies of title, sir—ladies very rich, sir—go there—and if you will step across the road—"

"But what for?" said Mr. Roche. He was only a young fellow this, straight, tall, and good-looking, with a tolerably fair opinion of his own attractions, as men mostly have at his age, and he had heard older men boast and lie about their love adventures, but he had withal a grain of prudence, and he did not therefore very rashly accept the man's dubious invitation.

"I repeat, sir, I have a commission—a commission from a lady for you," answered the man. "It—it is for your advantage—if I may be allowed to say so."

Young Roche hesitated for a moment, and then perhaps he remembered his own good-looking face.

"All right," he said. "It's a queer business, but if you go first I'll follow you; but if you get me into any trouble—well, it will be the worse for you."

Francis Roche had dark, bright eyes, and he looked sharply at the man as he said this, and it must be admitted that glance was not reassuring. He saw a mean face, pale coloured, dusty looking hair and whiskers, small, yellow-green eyes, and a general expression of sneakingness which was not agreeable. Then the lad looked again, and this time he laughed softly to himself as his eyes fell on the man's slight, poor figure, which one blow of Francis's young, strong fist could have sent a few yards across the road without much trouble to the sender.

"He can't do me much harm, at any rate," thought Roche, remembering at that momena with some satisfaction sundry athletic feats of his own; and so with a half-smile on his pleasant face the young soldier followed his conductor across Buckingham Palace Road, and up a few steps which led from the foot pavement to the shops. Then on the doorway of a "lady's wardrobe" establishment the man he was following paused for a moment.

"This way, sir," he said, and Francis Roche went after him into the shop or room beyond.

It was a queer place in which he found himself, among the cast-off garments of the rich! But not always of the rich. Here was a strange assortment. A sealskin jacket, a ball dress which once had hung on fair white shoulders, perhaps, but which was now soiled and changed, and maybe its original owner might be too!

But we will leave the inanimate relics of the past, which now met Mr. Francis Roche's gaze on every side, and turn to the animate.

"My wife, sir," said his conductor, making a sidelong movement of his lean hand towards a woman who was standing behind the counter, and who had once been handsome; had indeed a good face still.

For it was an honest face. But she was an old woman; older by ten or fifteen years than the sneaky little foxy man who called her his wife, and the sneaky little man looked fifty at the very least. But if he were small, slight, and contemptible, the wife made up in size, breadth, and good looks. She was seventeen stone weight, she always said, and no one who looked at her could have any reasonable doubt that she spoke the truth.

But she had black, bright eyes, a clear pale skin, dark hair, almost unstreaked with grey, and a firm, strong double chin. A good-looking woman of her age in fact, and honest withal, and her dark eyes had a soft look in them as they fell on Francis Roche's handsome young face.

"Mr. Francis Roche?" she said in kindly accents.

"Yes," he answered, looking at her boldly enough, "what do you want with me?"

The woman smiled.

"I don't want anything with you, sir," she said, "except—I am glad to see you—but my husband," (and she looked affectionately at the sneaky little man who had conducted Roche to the shop) "has a commission for you—a commission from a lady."

These were the very words the man had used, and Roche gave a little laugh when he heard them.

"Who is the mysterious lady?" he said. "And what is the nature of the commission?

Then the little man came forward wriggling and smiling.

"I—I—have it *here*," he said, tapping the side-pocket of his coat. "Shut the shop door, my dear" (this was to his wife). "Mr. Roche," he continued, advancing so near Francis that the young man drew a little back, "this is for *you*." And he drew out an envelope from his side-pocket, and put it in the young man's hand.

"What is there in it?" said Roche, for it was a very thick envelope, in fact a parcel.

The sneaky man rubbed his hands together, and cringed and wriggled more than ever.

"Money, sir," he said, "good *money*—a great deal of money, Mr. Roche."

"Money!" repeated Mr. Roche, and he turned from the counter and faced the man. "Do you suppose, then, that I'd take money from any lady?"

As he said this the gaslight in the middle of the shop fell straight on his good-looking face, showing it very plainly to some one who was watching him unseen. This was a beautiful woman; a woman who was kneeling behind a screen at the opposite side of the shop to the counter. This screen was composed of the usual miscellaneous collection of a "lady's wardrobe," suspended on a strong cord across the shop. Yes, there, behind cloaks, petticoats and shawls, all more or less the worse for wear, knelt a woman—a lady dressed in velvet and rich furs—a lady who looked as if she were unused to hide anywhere, and yet who nevertheless knelt in this mean place: knelt and listened with moistened eyes and a strange quiver on her lips as she heard the words of the young soldier.

The stout woman behind the counter nodded her head approvingly as she heard them also.

"That's all very right, Mr. Roche," she said, "very right, and like a gentleman, but this isn't ordinary money. It is sent to you by a friend—a relation in fact—and I am charged to see it delivered into your own hands."

"It is delivered into his own hands," said the sneaky man in an injured tone.

"I know it is Tommy," answered the stout woman. "My husband, sir," she continued, addressing Roche, "my husband, Mr. Twiss, and I are charged with this commission. We promised to deliver this money into your own hands, and the only condition attached to the gift is that you come here once a year—come yourself if you are in England—for a like sum. That is all my lady told me, I think."

"Your lady?" repeated Roche, "but who is your lady?"

"That is our secret, sir," said the stout woman, smiling.

"Our secret," echoed the sneaky man, rubbing his lean hands together, apparently with satisfaction. "My secret, and Mrs. Twiss's secret, ha, ha, ha!" And he gave a cackling laugh that set your teeth on edge as you listened to it.

"But how can you expect me ——" began Roche.

"Look inside," said Mr. Twiss, still rubbing his hands together. "Open the envelope, young gentleman, and then we'll see, he, he, he!" And he emitted his horrible laugh again.

Young Roche did open the envelope. He opened it, and drew out a great roll of bank notes.

"Five hundred pounds!" said Mr. Twiss, wriggling fearfully; in fact, twisting both his body and face into all sorts of contortions. "Five hundred pounds—flesh and blood could not resist that!"

"Five hundred pounds!" said young Roche, slowly, and his mind went back at that moment to sundry bills lying unpaid in his barrack-room; to a horse which he had coveted, but had been too poor to buy; to a hundred things in fact, pleasing to a young man's fancy.

"But, who sent it?" he said. "Any of my father's family—anyone I know?"

"That's our secret," shrieked Mr. Twiss, apparently almost in convulsions: "our secret, my secret and Mrs. Twiss's!"

Young Roche now looked at the stout woman behind the counter.

"Won't you tell me?" he said. He was a handsome lad this, dark and comely, and was not used to have his requests refused by women, and this old woman smiled upon him like the rest.

"You must not ask me, sir," she said, "but one thing I may tell you, there's nothing dishonourable in it—the lady who sends you this money has a right to send it—it is her own money, in fact, and nothing will please her so much as the idea that you will enjoy it. You are young, and young people want many things—and you mustn't hurt the lady, sir, by refusing her gift."

Young Roche was silent for a moment. Then he said—

"If I were sure there was nothing dishonourable attached—nothing that would soil a gentleman's hand—"

"Ha, ha, ha!" shrieked Mr. Twiss. "I told you to look inside. Nothing like money, sir; nothing, nothing."

"It depends upon where it comes from," said Roche. "But I repeat if this is all right—"

"It is, indeed, Mr. Roche," said Mrs. Twiss, earnestly.

"Then you will tell the lady from me," continued Roche, "that I am greatly obliged—that I feel her kindness very much—but that it would add to that kindness immensely if I were permitted to see her—to thank personally the generous friend who has given me so much."

As young Roche said these words the lady kneeling hidden behind the suspended petticoats and shawls gave an audible sigh.

"What is that?" said Roche, turning sharply round.

"It's the cat," said Mrs. Twiss after a moment's hesitation.

"It's the cat!" cried Mr. Twiss, wriggling worse than ever, "the cat and kittens, ha, ha, ha!"

"I thought it sounded like a sigh," said young Roche.

Mrs. Twiss moved uneasily behind the counter.

"Oh! no, sir," she said. "But excuse an old woman, put your notes out of sight, for London's a queer place, and its dangerous carrying much money about. You will be safer the sooner you are at home now."

"Is that a hint?" said Roche, smiling. "Do you want me to go away, Mrs. Twiss?"

Mrs. Twiss smiled.

"I want you to get your money safely home, sir," she said.

"But I must have a receipt," said Mr. Twiss hastily. "I have it made out here, sir," and he laid a crumpled piece of paper with a stamp on it upon the counter. "Please just sign your name here."

Francis Roche did sign his name, and then after a few more words he left the shop.

"Ask the lady," he, however, said again to Mrs. Twiss before he quitted the "lady's wardrobe," "if she will see me? Give her my message—say her generous kindness would be twice as good if I might see her."

"I will give your message, sir," said Mrs. Twiss. "Good evening—do not forget to come back once a year—the lady may say I will hope to see you again."

"You will see me to-morrow," answered Roche, smiling. "I will call to-morrow afternoon to get the answer to my message—be sure you have it ready for me."

Mrs. Twiss laughed, and then as the young soldier disappeared she left the counter, crossed the shop, and lifting up part of the miscellaneous articles hanging on the cord at the other side of the room, she went into the presence of the lady who was kneeling there, hidden behind the screen of garments.

"Oh! my lady," she said, addressing her, "what you must have felt."

The lady rose from her knees at these words, and sat wearily down in a chair which Mrs. Twiss drew towards her.

"Yes, it was terrible—terrible," she said in a low tone of pain, and she put her hand to her head. "Yet I am glad I have seen him—seen him once more."

"He is a fine handsome young man," said Mrs. Twiss.

"Yes," answered the lady, as if she were thinking. "But I must go now. Will you tell your husband to call the carriage, Lorimer?"

"Yes, my lady," said Mrs. Twiss. "Tommy," she called, putting her head through the screen of clothes, and speaking to her husband, who was still standing near the counter, "call my lady's carriage."

Mr. Twiss hurried out of the shop to obey this order, and then Mrs. Twiss once more spoke to the lady.

"You heard what he said, my lady?" she asked.—"What answer shall I give him when he calls to-morrow?"

The lady sighed as she answered.

"Tell him," she said, "that she who sent him this gift prays for him night and day—but I cannot see him—you must tell him I cannot see him—but wherever he goes—tell him this—my love will follow him."

CHAPTER II.

MR. THOMAS TWISS.

Five minutes later Mr. and Mrs. Twiss were standing together alone beside the counter of the lady's wardrobe. "My lady's" carriage (a plain dark green one, with a coronet painted on the panels), had come and gone, and in it "my lady" had left the shop; Mrs. Twiss escorting her to the carriage, for Mrs. Twiss had been lady's maid first to my lady's mother, and afterwards "to my lady," herself in her unwedded days.

Then in a moment of weakness Lorimer (as she was then named) had married Mr. Thomas Twiss. Lorimer had saved money in her lady's service, and Mr. Thomas Twiss was a lawyer's clerk, and as a "promising investment" (chiefly) Mr. Thomas Twiss had married Lorimer. She was years older than her husband, but she was a good honest woman, and actually in love with Mr. Thomas Twiss. What she saw in him no one could tell. He was ugly, poor, and not very fascinating; but the fact remained the same. Lorimer married him for love, and loved him still. At this moment (five minutes after "my lady's" carriage had driven away), this beloved one was looking a little pensive.

"What are you thinking of, Tommy?" said Mrs. Twiss, laying her hand affectionately on his lean shoulder.

"It's a deal of money to give away," said Tommy, with a contemplative air.

"You mean the money my lady has given Mr. Roche?" said Mrs. Twiss, inquiringly.

Tommy nodded his head.

"A deal of money to go out of one's hands, as it were," he said again, and this time he sighed.

"Well, she can afford it," answered Mrs. Twiss, cheerfully, "and it doesn't cost us anything, Tommy, this whim of my lady's."

"I had it in my hands," said Tommy, sadly, "and I don't know why—but it's kind of stuck to my fingers."

"Oh, Tommy, it wasn't yours!" said Mrs. Twiss, in fond reproval.

"It might have been," retorted Tommy.

"How, my dear?"

Tommy made no reply to this conjugal inquiry. He did not tell the partner of his life that a temptation had assailed him when "my lady" and Mrs. Twiss instructed him to give this money to Mr. Francis Roche. His instructions had been to ——, Mr. Roche into the lady's wardrobe if he could, but if he couldn't to give him the parcel of notes in the street. Tommy's temptation had been to run away with the notes—run away from the partner of his life with five hundred pounds in his pocket! But Tommy had resisted the temptation—firstly, because he was afraid he might be caught; secondly, because Mrs. Twiss had saved more than five hundred pounds; and, thirdly, because he led a very easy life at the lady's wardrobe; his wife spending hours daily in the ministering to his creature comforts, and as she was a good cook, Tommy valued her accordingly.

Still, in spite of all these reasons Tommy now felt himself to be a virtuous, almost an injured man. He had had this money in his hands, and he had not run away with it, therefore Tommy felt he was virtuous, and felt a little sad, perhaps, also that he had missed an opportunity.

"Well, I hope he'll make a good use of it," said Mrs. Twiss, seeing that the money he had given to young Roche was still pressing on her husband's mind. "He's a fine young fellow, at any rate."

"Is he like his father?" said Tommy, looking up sharply in his wife's face.

"Hush, Tommy," answered Mrs. Twiss, almost with a frightened look; "there are some things we must not talk about."

"That we must not talk about?" said Tommy, going up to his wife and putting his thin arm lovingly round her substantial shoulders. "Have you any secrets from *me*, Martha! Ought you to have any secrets?"

"Not of my own, Tommy," replied Mrs. Twiss tenderly. "But there are secrets sometimes in families ——"

"Whisper this one, my love," said Mr. Tommy Twiss, laying his yellow cheek against his wife's; "it's safe, you know, with me—as safe as it's with you."

Mrs. Twiss was overcome by Tommy's cajolements. She whispered a few words in his ear, and then told him a long story that she had no right to tell. Tommy listened with satisfaction. He thought he saw his way as his wife went on with her tale to future emolument.

"But you will never breathe this, Tommy—never to a living soul?" said Mrs. Twiss anxiously, after having done all the mischief that she could do.

"Never," said Tommy solemnly, considering at that moment how he could turn her information to the best advantage.

"He's not to blame, at any rate," continued Mrs. Twiss, speaking of Mr. Francis Roche, "and he seems a very fine young man."

"Very," again answered Tommy solemnly and briefly, for he was still going on with his mental calculations.

In the meantime, Mr. Francis Roche, "the fine young man," Mrs. Twiss was speaking of, was confiding to a friend the wonderful piece of good luck which had occurred to him.

This friend was an officer in his own regiment—the Hon. Arthur Curzon. Mr. Curzon listened to Francis Roche's tale with some secret envy, it must be admitted. Five hundred pounds in ready money would have made Mr. Curzon, he was thinking as his friend went on with his story, a happy man. If Mr. Francis Roche had debts, Mr. Arthur Curzon had more. If Francis Roche had expensive tastes, Arthur Curzon had likewise. They were in fact two good-looking young men with very little money to spend. Arthur Curzon was the third son of a poor peer, and Francis Roche had been brought up and educated by his uncle, Colonel Roche, who was not a rich man, and had told his nephew very plainly when he went into the army that he would allow him one hundred a year until he got his company, and that after this event occurred he (Francis) must depend upon his own resources.

Thus Francis Roche had had very little money to spend. He had managed to get along somehow, but he very often nearly got fast.

"And you're to have it every year?" said Mr. Curzon almost with a groan. "Every year—five hundred a year?"

"So the old woman said," answered Francis Roche. "She said I had to go every year for a like sum, and that this was the only condition the lady attached to the gift."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Curzon. "And can you not think—can you not imagine who sent it?"

"Not in the very least," truthfully answered Roche.

"Any of your mother's family, do you think?" asked Curzon.

"My mother," said Roche frankly, "was a Frenchwoman, and died, poor thing, when I was born, and though my uncle has never told me so, I do not fancy her people were wealthy; indeed, he said to me one day I should never inherit anything from them."

"Who can it be?" went on Curzon. "Some one must have fallen in love with you, Roche?" Roche laughed.

"'Tis well it's a rich someone, then," he said. "But I think, Curzon, I should consult my uncle about it?"

Curzon considered a moment.

"Unwise," he said. "If you consult the old boy you may bring trouble on you know not whom. No, if I were you I would just enjoy it—have a fling with it—it mayn't really come again."

In pursuance of this advice the two young men dined together, ordering the most expensive dinner they could order, and then they went together to one of the theatres, to see a famous piece which at this time was making a sensation.

It was a crowded house, and Roche and Curzon sat in the stalls close to the side boxes. Presently Curzon attracted Roche's attention to a lady who was sitting in one of these boxes half hidden by the curtain.

"Do you see that lady?" he said. "That is Lady Ennismore. My father always says she is the handsomest woman he knows. What do you think?"

Roche, of course, gave his opinion of Lady Ennismore's charms with the air of a connoiseur, though in truth he could not see the lady very plainly.

"Lord Ennismore is my god-father," continued Curzon. "I wonder if he's in the box—there's a man behind the curtains, don't you see. I did not know they were in town; I must go and speak to them."

But before Curzon could fulfil his intention Lord Ennismore, who had recognised Curzon, came round from his box to speak to his godson.

"Why, Arthur Curzon, who ever expected to see you!" said a genial-looking man, laying his hand in friendly fashion on Curzon's shoulder.

Curzon looked round and rose.

"I thought it was you, Lord Ennismore," he said.

"To be sure," said Lord Ennismore, warmly, shaking Curzon's hand. "And what good luck brought you here, Arthur?"

Lord Ennismore had a pleasant face. You recognised the man's honest, open character at once as you looked at it. He was good looking, though not quite handsome, for his nose was too short for absolute beauty; but his frank, clear blue eyes, with their long black lashes and brows, and his fresh clear skin and tall well-developed figure, were strong points in favour of his comeliness. And those who knew him best loved him best. He was, in fact, a man in a thousand—generous, honourable, sweet-tempered, and simple-hearted almost as a child. He was about forty-five, his brown hair streaked here and there with grey, and he was the husband of one of the most admired and popular women in town.

"And Lady Ennismore?" asked Curzon, after he had explained to Lord Ennismore that he and his friend Roche had got leave for a week, and had run up to town to have a look at the theatres and so on.

"She is quite well," answered Lord Ennismore, in reply to Curzon's inquiry about his wife. "She's up yonder; you must come and speak to her, Arthur."

"Yes, I shall be delighted," said Curzon.

"We're only up for a few days on some business," continued Lord Ennismore, "but Katherine wanted to see the last sensation, of course. Well, Mr. Roche, and what do you think of it?"

Roche laughed, and gave his opinion; and a few minutes later the good-natured, genial Ennismore was pressing Roche to come up with Curzon to his wife's box.

"Of course, come," he said. "You are a friend of Arthur Curzon's, and I've had the honour of knowing Master Arthur Curzon since his interesting babyhood. Yes, my boy," he went on, patting Curzon's shoulder, "we're old friends, aren't we?"

"I've good reason to say so," answered Curzon smiling.

"Come along then," said Lord Ennismore, and the two young men followed him to Lady Ennismore's box.

"Here is Arthur Curzon and a friend of his, Mr. Roche," said Ennismore to his wife, as they entered the box.

Lady Ennismore's face suddenly flushed and then grew pale. But in a moment she had recovered herself, and bowed courteously to Roche, and shook hands with Curzon.

Then after a few words Roche drew a chair, and sat down by Lady Ennismore's side. Lady Ennismore was famous for her charming manner. She never tried to be witty, never tried to shine, but in her society everyone was delighted with themselves and with her. "She charms by making us believe that we are charming," a satirical old gentleman once said of her. But in truth it was the great sympathy of her nature which made her so delightful a companion. To give others pleasure was a real pleasure to her, and herself forgetfulness, her tender noble thoughts made her face seem beautiful. She was in fact considered a beauty, and yet her features were certainly not perfect. But she was a handsome woman, with a gracious, graceful manner, and she was a woman also of the highest reputation.

Francis Roche sat and talked to her as if he had known her for years before the sensational play came to an end. He found himself telling her a hundred things which he never would have thought of telling any other woman to whom he had just been presented. Lady Ennismore knew all about the lad's former life after that night; knew that he was an honest noble-hearted young fellow, with faults and failings we may be sure, but still true at the core. He also told her some of his family history; that his was an orphan; that his uncle, Colonel Roche, of the Engineers, had brought him up, and what a choleric old soldier this uncle was. Then he told her where his regiment was stationed.

"At Lynewood!" repeated Lady Ennismore. "That is not very far from Brackenford, then?"

The names of Lynewood and Brackenford caught Lord Ennismore's ears.

"You are talking of Brackenford, Katie?" he said. "Just fancy Arthur here and Mr. Roche are at Lynewood! I've been telling Arthur he must come over to Brackenford next week and try his hand with the black game—and Mr. Roche, I shall be delighted if you will come also! Brackenford's a wild place among the hills, but if you care for sport you can have your choice there—the grouse are splendid this year!"

Francis Roche was only too glad to accept this invitation. He did care for sport, and he thought also that Lady Ennismore was the most charming woman he had ever met.

"We go down again to-morrow," continued Lord Ennismore, still addressing Roche, "for we only came up on business, and Lady Ennismore and myself love the hills, and London is horrible this month, isn't it? Next week you and Arthur Curzon must come to us—it's only a short journey from Lynewood—some fifty miles or so."

So it was settled, for in her gracious smiling way Lady Ennismore seconded her husband's invitation.

"Brackenford is my old home," she said to Roche. "When I was a child my father built the house, and no place suits me and my children so well. I am glad that you are coming to us, Mr. Roche."

"I thank you very much for your kindness," answered Roche, and almost as he spoke the sensational piece they had witnessed came to an end and they all rose to leave the theatre.

Roche and Curzon went first to see if Lady Ennismore's carriage was waiting, and as he left the box Roche chanced to drop one of his gloves. Lady Ennismore saw it fall, and she stooped down and picked it up and held it under her cloak as she left the box on her husband's arm.

They parted with the two young men at the door of the theatre, and then Lord and Lady Ennismore drove straight to their town house, which was in Grosvenor Place. It was only half lighted when they arrived there, for they were in town on business alone, and but for a day or two, and had very few servants with them. But the library (Lady Ennismore's favourite room) was prepared for them, and here the husband and wife sat, talking very happily for nearly an hour.

Then together, arm in arm, almost like two lovers, they went up the staircase to the nursery, which was on one of the upper storeys of the house.

They had three children, but the two girls were not with them. The one child who always accompanied them wherever they went was their boy—the pride and darling of the house. They had been married many years before this child had been born to them, and this little heir had been the one thing wanting to complete a very happy home.

"I wonder if the boy's asleep?" said Lord Ennismore, as they neared the nursery door.

"Dear little fellow, I hope so," answered the mother.

Then, very quietly, lest they should waken the child, they entered the nursery, where amid everything that wealth or love could procure, a lovely rosy boy lay sleeping in his cot.

He was a beautiful child. Golden-haired and blue-eyed, and he had inherited the frank and fearless expression of his father's face. The husband and wife stood side by side looking at him by the soft shaded light in the nursery, while proud fond hopes for his future filled their hearts. For this little fellow was heir not only to his father's title but to his mother's wealth. Quite unexpectedly Lady Ennismore had become rich by the sudden and melancholy death of her only brother. Thus Brackenford, her old home amid the Northumbrian hills, had become hers, and coal mines, and ironworks, which now brought her in a great income, as they had brought in a great income to her dead father, and to the hapless young brother who had died in his early prime.

And this boy was the heir of new wealth, and to the old name. He was loved too with an almost passionate love by his beautiful mother, and the proud father's fond eyes could see no faults in this darling son.

"God bless him!" said Lord Ennismore softly, still looking at the sleeping boy.

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